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Financial aid still available

By Dodie Miller
Chief Reporter

Aside from registering for classes, paying for one's college tuition can be a source of great confusion. That is why the Financial Aid Office at IPFW can be of some assistance to many.

According to Ruben Garcia, associate director of Financial Aid, about 49 percent of all students on campus receive financial aid.

The number could be higher, but there are some who are under the impression that they do not qualify for any financial aid and others who are daunted by the idea of the paperwork involved in the application process.

Many are under the impression that financial aid planning need be done while one is still in high school or it is too late.

No one wants to be stuck paying back loans with astronomical interest, but loans are not the only form of financial aid available to most students.

In addition to loans, financial aid comes in different forms: scholarships, grants and subsequent subdivisions.

When the application process begins for financial aid, a student is issued a generic Financial Aid Form (FAF).

"The Financial Aid Form is used strictly for providing information about the student to the [United States] Department of Education," said Garcia.

Robert Zellers, director of Financial Aid, hopes those in need of more information will attend one of two financial aid nights on campus.

The sessions will be held Feb 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m., in the Walb Ballroom.

At the financial aid information sessions, applicants are taken step by step through filling out the financial aid forms.

It is helpful for applicants to have their tax forms with them.

While nearly half of the campus is in need of financial aid, attendance at the sessions is sparse.

Garcia notes that at the financial aid presentations he has hosted recently there were only ten people in attendance.

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"(The attendance) is not as good as I would like for it to be," said Garcia.

Besides their tax forms, it is not necessary for those wishing to attend to bring anything else; the forms are provided at the presentations

It is unknown how many students' aid has been processed slowly due to incorrect completion of the form.

The financial aid form is used to create a student profile as far as family contribution and what individuals or their families are able to use to supplement any aid that is awarded.

The university then determines how much aid students will receive, based on the findings provided by the Department of Education.

The Department of Education, in turn, determines if one is eligible for loans, grants, or work-study, or in some cases, a combination of all.

The Department of Education findings are sent to applicants in the form of a student aid report, which is an acknowledgment of the FAF.

The financial aid presentations which are to be held in February will be have different presenters. The Feb. 9 session will be conducted by Vickie Dahl, the assistant director of Financial Aid, and the Feb. 16 presentation by Garcia

The presentations will include an overview of what is available in financial aid "The whole purpose is to assist students in filling out the form and meeting IPFW's deadline," said Garcia.

Incidentally, the people most likely to benefit from the newly passed Taxpayer Relief Act are those with HOPE scholarships or those receiving aid under Title IV from the Department of Education.

The Act will allow those who qualify to use their scholarship award as earned income tax credit.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 481-6820.

Photo by [illegible], Photo Editor

IPFW's newest parking garage, located by Walb Union.

*Job*View arrives on campus

By Gail Ruble Crawford
News Editor

Looking for a job? Look no further. IPFW possesses two new *Job*View terminals to help you in your search.

*Job*View is an ATM-style machine that gives touch-screen access to descriptions of thousands of local jobs.

These jobs are from among those listed previously in the classifieds from The Journal Gazette and The New-Sentinel.

Those seeking employment can visit one of the two free *Job*View kiosks on campus and search through the listed job opportunities.

Job descriptions can be searched by category and printed. Applications can even be directly submitted for some jobs at the terminal

The service includes ads not in the local Sunday newspapers, IPFW JobLine jobs, and a sampling of the jobs offered through career service. Sponsored by Fort Wayne Newspapers, there are six *Job*View kiosks located throughout Fort Wayne and Huntington.

Fort Wayne is the second area in the country to offer the cutting-edge job-search system to job-seekers.

"It's a good supplement to our services. We take pride in being a user-friendly Career Services," said Charles Washington, interim director of Career Services at IPFW

*Job*View is not just for job-seekers, however. *Job*View can also help employers reach a larger number of qualified applicants by providing instant access to job-seekers of all ages at any time of day.

Employers also have the added benefit of being able to receive instantly-faxed applications directly from the kiosks.

Washington adds that the new service helps everyone, not just job seekers.

"Anybody that uses *Job*View wins. The university wins. Students are benefitting. We certainly win in that respect."

IPFW *Job*View kiosks are located in Kettler Hall and Walb Union.

Career Services is located in Walb Union, room 113. The office may be contacted at 481-6595.

Parking garage nears completion

By Dodie Miller
Chief Reporter

The start of a new semester often gives students the feeling of starting over: new classes, new professors, new theories, etc.

Unfortunately, sometimes things do not change from one semester to the next.

One of those things is the seemingly perpetual construction of the second parking garage which is located near the Gates Sports Center

According to Lieutenant Tom Haner of Police and Safety, the structure should be completed sometime in April.

That knowledge will allow many to breathe a sigh of relief.

The construction of the fall semester brought with it much unpleasantness.

There were extraordinary amounts of mud on the walkway between the Gates parking lot and Walb Union.

Trucks often blocked the road if one had the misfortune of attempting to make a right turn out of the Gates Center parking lot.

The boisterous voices of construction workers added to the mud and traffic problems

In return for enduring such conditions, the users of the IPFW campus are rewarded with a brand new parking garage that will house 950 spaces to accommodate A, B, handicapped and metered parking.

Even though the semester will be nearly over by the time the garage is ready for use, the sooner the building is complete, the sooner the faculty and students will be able to enjoy it.

The cost of this luxury is several million dollars.

Most users of the north side of campus will agree this is a small price to pay in order to decrease the stress caused by waiting for a parking place, being late to class or having to park much farther away from the building one needs to access.

The purpose of the garage, as far as the university is concerned, is "to get more parking on the north side of the campus for the expansion area and for the existing buildings," said Haner.

Police and Safety publish quarterly report

By Gail Ruble Crawford
News Editor

Police and Safety has published the quarterly report for the term of October through December 1997.

The report, at right, contains the crime statistics for this term versus the same term in 1996 as well as the yearly total for 1996.

According to the report, most campus crimes were lower than the same time period a year earlier, with the exception of bomb threats, personal injury occurrences and university thefts.

Several crimes had no reported instances in either time period: arson, attempted suicide, battery/assault, burglary, drug offenses, drunk driving, homicide, liquor law violations, public intoxication, rape, suicide and auto theft

The Police and Safety office is located in the Physical Plant building and is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year

The staff consists of 10 police officers, four security officers, and three clerks/dispatchers.

Though the occurrence of crime on the IPFW campus is low, the potential always exists.

To review the IPFW student regulations, read the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct in the Student Handbook.

Copies are available in the Office of the Ocan of Students, Walb 113

The office can be reached by phone at 481-6601

Campus Police and Safety may be reached at extension 6911 from any campus telephone or immediately at any campus emergency telephone

Statistics courtesy of IPFW Police and Safety

IPFW Crime Statistics	Quarter Oct.-Dec. 1997	Quarter Oct.-Dec. 1996	Yearly Total 1996
Alarm Fire/Bank	3	5	16
Auto Accidents	23	26	91
Bomb Threats	19	5	5
Disorderly Conduct	1	3	8
Employee Injury	6	8	23
Harassment	7	7	24
Indecent Exposure	0	1	2
Personal Injury	6	4	7
Robbery	0	0	1
Theft-- Personal	15	15	31
Theft-- University	7	4	20
Trespass	3	4	8
Vandalism/Criminal	7	10	28
Weapons Possession	0	0	2

Staff Editorial

Jones v. Clinton

Unless you don't have a television, don't read the newspaper and basically, have no connection to the outside world you know about the Ms. Paula Jones v. President Clinton case.

Well, we aren't too sure Ms. Jones has enough evidence or credibility to persuade us into thinking that President Clinton sexually barassed her in a hotel room back when he was still governor of Arkanas.

Now, all the women that just jumped out their chairs exclaiming, "Sexist!" take a seat and hear us out.

We find that Ms. Jones has some questionable areas to her story. First and foremost, what did she think his intentions were when, and if, he asked her up to his hotel room? Milk and cookies with conversation about little Chelsea, we think not.

Any woman of the '90's knows the rule about going up to stranger's hotel room, they don't. True, Bill Clinton was governor and was "known" to the public, but as far as knowing him well enough to visit his hotel room: she did not. At least have dinner with him first.

In her defense, she may have felt "safe" with the state trooper's escort. But, she was still in a position that could prove to be threatening because the state trooper worked for then Governor Clinton and that made her outnumbered with no one to come to her defense if needed.

Another aspect of her story that doesn't jive with us is the time period which she waited to make these allegations.

If she were truly concerned about her reputation and appalled by the actions of the governor, she would have been yelling, "Sexual Harassment," the moment she set foot outside that hotel room. Not months later.

Don't think of us as a harsh group of people, we understand that if a woman has gone through a traumatic experience it may take some time to work through. But remember, Ms. Jones was not raped, she was, allegedly, harassed. Big difference.

Ms. Jones was also given another chance to make her claim when Gennifer Flowers came forward with accusations of an affair with the now President Clinton, who denied it.

Imagine the front those women could have formed if they had banned together. But no, Ms. Jones continued to remain silent. It's only been in the last several years or so that we have heard about her alleged conflict with the President.

And as far as these other women, who have been found by attorneys for Ms. Jones, and who say they have experienced some of the same unwanted advances from the President...PLEASE. How hard would it be to dig up a few women that knew the President? Or some that are willing to lie about it for some personal gain?

We believe that what folks do in the privacy of their bedrooms is no one's business but theirs. We don't need to know who slept with whom five years ago.

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Unless it wasn't consensual. That would change everything. We are in no way stating that it would be okay for a person to forcibly have sex with another. But, we don't believe that it is acceptable to pry into someone's consensual relationships. I'm sure there are many of us that wouldn't take too kindly to that.

All in all, we believe that there is a lot more to come in the episodes of Jones v. Clinton. The problem is that no one will ever truly know what happened in that Arkansas hotel room.

The only ones that know the answer to that are Ms. Paula and the president.

We simply believe that if it was serious harassment, then it should have been dealt with long ago, not years later.

We feel this hints towards Ms. Jones's real intentions, money. If all she wanted was a public apology there wouldn't be a $2 million price tag along with it. Which will probably go up before all is said and done.

By Denny She – Editorial Cartoonist

Letters to the Editor

Sororities offer more than parties to women

To the Editor:

What holds female students at IPFW back from joining a sorority? Many students are not willing to join a sorority because they are unaware of the activities sorority members at IPFW are involved in and they often tend to stereotype the girls that are in them. This occurs because people believe sorority behavior is modeled like that depicted in such movies as "Animal House." Television has developed a very biased view of sororities causing its viewers to stereotype members who belong to a sorority such as Pi Beta Phi. Many students are unaware of the value of joining a sorority and the benefits the Pi Beta Phi sorority offers its members.

The Pi Beta Phi chapter is 130 years old, which means this Greek Chapter is well-established. The Pi Beta Phi sorority has many members around the country. At biannual conventions members from many different colleges join together for workshops and other ceremonial events to bring together other Pi Phi members. Many members are recognized within the organization for various reasons such as service, programming and scholarship, along with many other things.

Numerous myths and rumors exist about sorority members. Many individuals believe only wealthy women can afford to join a sorority. Greek life is actually quite affordable. You must pay a $5 Rush fee, which allows the Pi Phi's to have rush events. Later on you will learn the exact cost, which can, in most cases, be made in monthly installments for about $20 a month.

Often sorority members may be looked at as under-achievers who have bad grades. The Pi Phi chapter at IPFW needs a chapter grade of 2.75. Study tables are held and tutoring is available to keep the grades of members up. The 2.75 GPA is actually higher than the campus requirements.

Others look at sorority members as sex maniacs. The most important fact to point out is that it is an unwarranted assumption. Pi Phi's have rules of how one must behave in social situations. These rules must be maintained at all times because of high moral standards. Often times it is believed that sorority members do embarrassing and painful things as a part of hazing. Indiana Purdue Panhellenic Council has a zero tolerance stand on hazing. Newcomers who are pledging to join Pi Phi sorority can join without fear and intimidation.

The benefits of joining the Pi Phi organization are endless. Just some of the advantages include social experiences such as formals, teamwork skills, leadership skills and friendships. By joining, self-esteem improves and grades, in most cases, improve as well. Not to mention sisterhood which will last a lifetime. Many more benefits exist, however, it is impossible to list them all. It is important to point out that the Pi Phi organization is well known for its high academic and moral standards.

The Pi Phi organization has many events throughout the year. It has always had a tradition of service and education. They were the first to develop a national philanthropic project. Links to Literacy is a foundation that the Pi Phi chapters all around the country support. Links to Literacy is a foundation which helps children in the process of learning to read. They do this by reading to young children, buying books and recognizing and helping adults who are illiterate.

Pi Phi's do many things such as bake sales to help raise money. These events enable students to interact with the community. They also do other things throughout the year such as formals, cookouts and sisterhood retreats.

Becoming a member is simple. Any women at IPFW is eligible for rush if they meet university grade requirements, which is a 2.5 GPA. You are suggested to attend at least two meetings, so the members will have a chance to meet you. The rush events include getting information about the Pi Phi chapter along with registering.

Many wonder if being a sorority member has any advantages with future job opportunities. There are many justifications for adding to your resume that you were involved in a sorority. A prospective employer may have been a member of a sorority or fraternity once themselves and they will instantly realize the abilities you possess, such as teamwork and leadership. Just at IPFW alone, there are nearly 30,000 alumni. Thirteen thousand of them live and work in Allen County. For students, this means an instant source for career guidance, job information and job referral.

As you may now see, joining a sorority has many benefits. The value of joining an organization such as Pi Beta Phi is endless and the stereotypes you may have had may no longer exist. Members are also involved in many other campus activities and are always trying to make a difference which says a great deal for this organization. As you can see, being a part of a sorority means more than partying on the weekends. It involves much more. Why not make the most of your college experience and join the Pi Beta Phi sorority today?

Wendy Smith
IPFW Student

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New year reaffirms faith

Learning as I go: Lisa Zinn

As a new year is under way, I challenge everyone to look inside themselves and see what is really important to them. Is it the tax returns that you will be receiving later in the year? Or is it the new relationship you started with the boy/girl you met at the New Year's party? For some, it may be the degree they will be receiving at the end of the semester.

Either way, it is great to have things important to you; however, it is necessary to decide what is most important to you. What is the one thing that you would never be able to be truly happy without?

For me, it is my relationship with God. Whenever I am thrown a disappointment (or 10!) I often sit back and ask Him to help me understand it.

People often say I am a disgustingly happy person. Yes, overall I do not have much to complain about and I figure I am only as happy as I choose to be. Sure, I have moods as anyone else does, but in the end, it comes right down to perspective.

We all have something to learn from all things. Granted, that does not mean everything in life should be psychoanalyzed. Sometimes you just have to enjoy them.

Jesus Christ has given me many opportunities to grasp hold of and delight in. For these, I am truly thankful. I have also been thrown some real curves throughout my life that have caused my relationship with Him to be strained at times. Overall, what I thought weakened my relationship, strengthened it. One way or another, He always helps me figure it out.

Luckily, I have a best friend in Him that will never let me down. It is very easy for me to think of the times that He has saved my sanity and pulled me out of some real disappointments. But, what about the times when everything seemed to be going just fine? Have I always praised Him for His blessings? Do I, in all that I do, show others that I truly love my Savior?

Honestly? No. Not because of a lack of caring. Simply because of basic human sin.

I recently thought about my life. Even though I can't visually see all that He offers, do I still believe in Him? Even though I hear His Word with my ears, do I really trust in Him?

Just because I cannot see God in human form, that does not mean I do not believe that He exists. I see Him in the world around me. My belief is based on faith.

Listening to God's Word is not merely using our ears, but our hearts. Sometimes it can be easy to listen to Him with our ears, but using our hearts allows us to trust in Him and make our faith even stronger.

Too many times, we only come to God asking for Him to fix the big and little things in our lives. It is good to come to Him in times of need, but what about the times of joy and celebration? God wants our prayers as well as our praises. And surely, He deserves praises.

What is important most in my life? How much do I love God? Moreso, how much does He love me? Closing my eyes, imagining His outstretched hands showing nail piercing, I can do nothing else but bow to Him and truly thank Him for His Grace.

If they build it, we will come

Your Turn: *Amy Austin*

In high school, I played soccer for Northrop's girls team. I started playing during my sophomore year and was not very good at the beginning. I wanted more than anything to improve and build my skills, so I could possibly play in college.

Well, I did get better. My skills grew each year. Last year, when I was a senior, I started varsity in goal. I was named most improved player my junior year and lettered in both my junior and senior years. I found a passion for the game and I still have it.

My one chance of playing was here at IPFW. My high school coach kept telling our senior class that IPFW would probably have a womens team this year.

That was my window, my one opportune chance. We did not get a team this year and now I am stuck here only going to class. No soccer.

I am going to play indoor soccer this winter. I am hoping that IPFW will have a women's team to play for next year.

Title IX the Educational Amendments of 1972 states that "Colleges receiving federal funds must offer the underrepresented sex [for the most part, women] equal opportunity in athletic programs to the majority sex." In other words, colleges that are federally funded, must offer the same athletic programs to both men and women.

Title IX requires schools to meet one of three requirements. One, "Match the proportion of men and women in the school's total enrollment with the proportion to men and women participating in athletics."

Two, "Show a continuing history of expansion and good faith effort to improve the participation of the underrepresented sex."

Three, "Demonstrate that it fully and effectively accommodates the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex."

Under these three guidelines, I feel that IPFW should form a women's soccer team. I know for a fact, that there are several women at IPFW who feel the same way. I know this because I used to play with and against several girls who went here after they graduated from high school.

Womens soccer has been the largest growing sport to come out of Title IX. "Between 1991 and 1995, the amount of Division II schools offering womens soccer has increased from 60 to 120, a 210 percent increase," according to the January 1996 issue of "Soccer Digest."

This means that the competition is out there waiting for IPFW to get a team and dominate.

I have had the opportunity to talk to several high school girls coaches this past high school season. Coaches from Northrop, Snider, Bishop Dwenger and South Side think that IPFW should have had a team a long time ago.

Many high school players want to play for IPFW if they had the chance. I know several girls who played in high school and go here now who would love to have the chance to represent IPFW on the soccer field. In addition, there are girls who are graduating this year from their respected high schools who have a lot of talent, who are planning on attending IPFW in the fall.

Obviously IPFW won't be a North Carolina or a Notre Dame their first couple seasons. However, if they do get a team and begin building the talent and potential is right here in Fort Wayne to become a Division II power house someday.

I'm sure that the expense is not the reason that we do not have a team yet. It has to be one of the least expensive sports to get started. It's kind of like a field of dreams to many of us who play soccer that attend classes here. If they build it,

On behalf of those who still play soccer after high school, we want a team.

I realize that there are some people out there that don't think that girls should be playing soccer. My mom is one of them.

Those people think that it's too rough of a sport for girls. That there is too great of a chance of being injured. There is a risk of being hurt at any sport. Granted that soccer may be slightly more physical. People have to remember that girls can be just as physical as guys are.

It's more of a choice as to whether a sport becomes physical or not. Even being taken down becomes a way of life to some soccer players. It just comes with the territory. We, both men and women, understand the risks of the game. People play their sport for the love, not for the risk.

In closing, I want to reiterate my request that IPFW organizes a women's soccer program next fall. It is a federally funded college and must offer the same athletic opportunities to both men and women.

I am not sure if it is illegal that we don't have a women's team, but in my mind we should, if for nothing else than for the interest of the women soccer players attending this university.

I know that getting a team is under consideration. I only hope that the athletic director and Chancellor decide to send the women to play soccer in 1998.

Forget the hype and the game, watch for the new commercials

What's weak this week: *Dennis Donahue*

Hey kids, what are you doing on Sunday? Oh yeah, it's the Super Bowl, or should I say the NFC Bowl. Let the rout begin. You know, I get sick of the same teams winning every year, don't you? Even diehard fans have to admit that this has become the Redundant Bowl. If you believe the hype about this game, you must have a shallow existence. Green Bay fans, the real ones, have got to be fired up about their chances for a fourth title. Sorry Denver, at least you have South Park.

There have been 31 Super Bowls and like, three winners, right? I guess you can tell I'm not a huge pro football fan, but I've always liked the Bears, ever since I was little. You see, my mom is from Chicago and she got me hooked on 'Da Bears' a long, long time ago. I also like the Colts. (I had a VERY long football season) My dad bought season tickets when the team moved here from Baltimore. Remember that? I was still in high school, and we got to see the Colts lose a bunch of games, but we've always been fans. Win or lose, I still love the Bears and the Colts. That is what separates me from the 'bandwagon' fans. Real fans support their teams through all sorts of changes, ask a loyal Raiders fan about that. Look at the Cubs, they've sucked for years, but they have millions of fans, like me.

Everybody loves a winner and this is very true for fans in this part of the state. And what's up with all the Steelers fans in this town? Is this a Woodson thing? Vaughn Dunbar played for the Saints and how many of you rooted for them? That's what I thought. And there sure is a lot of Green Bay apparel being worn lately. And the Cowboy's thing? I even see Florida State and Duke jackets here in the Fort. Whatever.

I laugh at people that say, "I've always been a (recently good or last year's championship team five states away) fan." You know you haven't. The last couple years sure have produced a lot of Cleveland Indian fans. You were the same people that didn't go to the games for the last forty years, right? Are you a Marlins fan this year? All the merchandise you wear is new, so don't kid yourself. You are on the bandwagon, and we know it.

The funny thing is people don't root for teams anymore, they root for players. I feel bad for all the sports fans who follow Deion Sanders. He has played for three football teams and three baseball teams in six years. How many jerseys do they own? If Walter Payton ever left Chicago, I would have still been a Bears fan. A very sad one too. I wouldn't root for the team he left for. In my day, this would have been a sin. Today, we follow the players and coaches around. I even caught myself pulling for Ditka one game this year and, of course, they lost.

So let's talk about Sunday's game. Actually, let's not. The media has been talking about it for over two weeks now. How much is there to know? Football isn't that complicated. I played for seven years. We had pass plays for slow defensive corners, pass rush plays on defense, sweeps, options, zones, traps and some trick plays too. It is a very simple game. You try and get the ball into the end zone. That's it. Oh sure, it is a little challenging but some teams do it well and some don't. It isn't the pure science that husbands and boyfriends portray it to be. It is fun to talk about but watching pro football can be boring, especially the Super Bowl.

When a guy sacks the quarterback, he acts like a hero. This is him at his best, at work. I don't high five my boss when I meet a deadline or do a project that is expected of me. And I sure as hell don't kneel and pray every time I get to work on time.

You know of course there is 'holding' on every play. Watch the replays. Every play, a guy is holding, defensively and offensively. So don't tell me someone has a great offensive line. They just don't get caught as much. And tackling is your job, so stop celebrating so much. Let the fans scream for you.

Who will win? Probably the Packers, but football fans outside of Wis. are rooting for the Broncos. It's the "I feel sorry for Elway" thing that has swept the nation. Or the "Denver's never won it" sentiment. That's my approach. Let someone else win the damn thing. Besides, this is the best opportunity for the AFC. The NFC just keeps getting better, with the exception of the St. Louis Rams.

And besides, Super Sunday is for being with friends and family and drinking so much that our wives have to drive home. My wife and I have been going to the same party for what will be our fourth year. The food and company is always great and we usually stop watching around half-time. As a group, I think more of us are interested in the new commercials that air. This is the best part of the whole game in my opinion. This year we'll have a recent Packer fan there with his girlfriend. He has been to Lambeau Field, (like Wrigley Field in status, but for football. And they win there) so I qualify him as a cheese-head. I'm sure he will have his Green Bay hat and sweatshirt on and we will try hard to make him feel like he's alone rooting for the Packers. We will give him grief, because he is our friend and we love him.

So enjoy the game this weekend, and ignore the hype. It probably won't be super. I will watch the ads and play a little euchre. I'll eat a ton of food and drink some beer. And again, my wife will drive us home. As for the Bears and Colts? Well, maybe next year. By the way, in the Bud Bowl, I've got Bud Lite and I'm giving 61/2 points if anybody wants a piece of the action. Since everyone has a prediction, here's mine: Denver upsets the Packers 27-20. It could happen. Plus, it would be a great game.

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Jeremy Ecenbarger

Behind the Scenes

I don't know exactly what draws me to her. Whether its the way she drinks her coffee, the hair that seems to constantly drop to cover her face, the maneuvers of her lip lock or her flair in the courtroom, all of it drives me crazy. I admit it: I have fallen for Ally McBeal.

Yet, I must not be the only one feeling this way because they have built a show around this wonderful woman. Can you guess the title? It is none other than "Ally McBeal." Furthermore, critics have recognized her brilliance and have graciously awarded her two Golden Globes. So if you haven't caught on to the "Ally McBeal" craze, it seems high time that you get on board.

Airing Monday nights at 9 p.m. on the FOX network, the show has wedged past its competitors to offer viewers of prime time television something fresh and original And I say it is about damn time! No it may not be as funny as "South Park," maybe not as melodramatic as "ER," and the courtroom battles probably do not throw as many punches as "Law & Order;" but as I said before, this show is breaking new ground.

Its a refreshing hour of television that follows the life of a woman dealing with problems we all deal with: dealing with lost loves, competitiveness on the job, sexual harassment, sexual hormones (well, sex in general really) and so on. The laughs are instantaneous that can result from her drinking her morning coffee, sculpting a man with a large "piece" or fighting imaginary images that constantly cross her mind.

Ally, portrayed perfectly by Calista Flockhart, is a female lawyer trying to find her way in a field dominated by men Each week, the episode follows the young woman through her life, in and out of the workplace. On the job, she is surrounded by a diverse group of men and women who have, since the show began in September, become her closest friends.

First, there is Billy (Greg Germann), who was the college flame of Ally's and whom she considers to be the love of her life. Coincidentally, there is one problem; he is married to Georgi (Courtney Thorne-Smith, previously of Melrose Place), who is not only beautiful, but a lawyer as well. Things can get pretty tight in the office between the three, yet Ally has found other men who catch her eye and has befriended her ex-love's spouse.

Other co-workers include Elaine (Jane Krakowski), the nosy receptionist, who seems to catch all the gossip that crawls within the walls of the law firm. She's either got her ear attached to a closed office door, has climbed upon a toilet in one of the bathroom stalls or has accidentally pressed the wrong line on the telephone system to hear the latest.

The boss, Richard (Peter MacNichol), seems almost as bad. The man will do anything for a buck; but he's a lawyer, so what can you expect? Yet his one liners really get viewers rolling with laughter. He was once asked what he would do if the law firm lost a multi-million dollar court case. He replied "I'd vomit and dive into it I brought my mouth piece."

Next there is Don (Gil Bellows) who seems to be the strangest of them all. The lawyer is nearly too intelligent. He analyzes every situation so carefully and gives marvelous speeches about them. You just have to feel sorry for the guy.

Finally, on the home front, there is Ally's roommate Renae (Lisa Nicole Carson), who is a free spirit and tries to add excitement to her often-uptight roomy. The woman encourages Ally to be outrageous, daring and adventurous, yet sometimes her advice can lead to devastating results.

The ensemble cast is terrific and is far too complex to describe in simple terms The women take advantage of the men and tease them ruthlessly. Men discuss important things like whether size really counts and everyone has a ball. "Ally McBeal" pulls all the strings

Created by David E. Kelly (husband of actress Michelle Pfiefer), "Ally McBeal" warns parents before the show airs. It concentrates on issues that all adults face. Some of its content may be offensive to some, but most will realize how true-to-life it really is.

One final highlight of the show is the music heard throughout it. Singer, songwriter Venda Shepard is the sole provider of the soulful tunes. Attaining critical success from the show, the songs often shed a light on the thoughts and ideas that are roaming through Ally's head. Later this year, Shepard will be releasing a soundtrack of the television show, that could be a big seller due to the popularity of the show.

Even though I may not wear heels, suffer from cramps or completely understand the thoughts roaming through a woman's mind, I somehow relate to "Ally McBeal." She's real intelligent and caring. It's a mix sure to catch the hearts of its viewers. Men may feel it is an hour of man bashing, but for me, I find it simply an enjoyable hour of hilarity. I love this woman and soon millions of others will too.

Why spend money on the one you love?

By Nol Beckley
Editor

Valentine's Day expenses can run quite high if you do not plan how to spend your money wisely. Cash will disappear faster from your account than a Tiajuana prostitute with your wallet.

Since we are all college students, money has a tendency to be scarce and we all try save wherever we can.

But when it comes to Valentine's Day and if you have a significant other, you must do something. You may not be able spend a wad of cash, but there are other ways to show that someone special you care and love them

Here are a few that will come in under $5:

Dedicate a song on the radio. Do not choose anything by White Zombie or Danzig, it kind of kills the mood. If your other is not in a place to hear it, tape it and play it back for them in the car, like you are listening to the radio.

Write a poem for them. This is not the daunting task it seems. If it comes from the heart, the other will treasure it. If you are intimidated by writing a poem for someone, copy one and give it to them. The thought is there and your other will know it.

If your lover is away, call them and read them a bedtime story. This may cost a little bit on the phone bill, but it is not an immediate bill so you can put this off.

Take out a small ad in the paper. These cost very little and it shows the world that you are proud of your mate and are willing to tell everyone about your love

Make a candlelight dinner for two at your home. Nothing shows love as much as nourishing your lover by making everything with your own hands. Dress up like you are going out to a fancy restaurant, it adds to the mood of the evening.

Leave a really sappy out-going message on your machine just for your lover. This is another way to identify your lover and show that you are proud to be with them.

If you want to leave an erotic message on your lover's machine, be sure you have the correct number You do not want to accidentally leave a message on your mother's machine telling her how much you would like to suck her toes

If your lover dates their notebook for class, try to figure out where they will be in their notebook around Valentine's Day and leave a special message.

Use the good ol' U.S. Post Office to send a letter to your lover telling them how much they mean to you.

The mail is an excellent way to get your point across to the special one in your life. Spray some perfume on the letter.

Make a tape of all the songs that remind you of each other. Hopefully, you won't have to buy anything for this. If you do not have a certain song, ask your friends if they have the CD.

Put Post-It notes in unexpected places where your lover will see them in privacy. Place them in their car, their bathroom mirror, their wallet or purse, school books or notebooks.

Make breakfast in bed for your lover. This really puts you in the mood for love. Hopefully you both will be naked But be careful, blueberry syrup is almost impossible to get out of sheets.

Hand deliver a single rose to them. A single rose is just as romantic as a dozen.

Send a "Thank-you card" to your lover's mother for bearing them. Not only will this make you seem incredibly sweet, but this will get you in good with your love's parents.

Although this may cost a little bit of money, it will still be under $5. Buy a bag of Hershey Kisses and a bag of Hershey Hugs. Put them in special places so they can have a kiss from you whenever they need it.

If they are online, get them a flower or a card over their e-mail. One address is www.virtual-gift.com.

We are sure there are other things you can do for under $5, but because we have a nominal sense of decorum, we will not go into lurid detail

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January

23 **Music Therapy Clinic Concert**, WT, 7 p.m.; for information, call 6715.
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Men and women's basketball, GC. IPFW students, Royal Dons Club members, and children 12 years of age and younger, free admission; general admission, $4.
24 Quincy, 1 p.m., (M); 3 p.m., (W).
29 St. Joseph's, 6 p.m., (M); 8 p.m., (W).
31 Lewis, 1 p.m., (M); 3 p.m., (W).

24 **The Cleveland Ballet Dancing Wheels**, WT, 2 p.m.; free admission. For information, call 6025.
Faculty Artist Concert: Ann Donner, flute, and Laura Ferguson, guitar, NF Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.; for information, call 6714.

26 **Student Leadership Series:** "The Meeting will Come to Order. Does it?" Bob Leiman, WU 116, noon.

27 **Bidding for campus interviewing** (enrollment in Placement Services required), WU 113, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.; also Jan. 28. For information, call 6595.

27 **Workshop:** "Handling Workplace Pressure," John Parrish-Sprowl and Susan Parrish-Sprowl, WU 224, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

31 **Kids' Carnival**, WU Ballroom, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.; for information, call 6609

February

2 **Video:** *Carlos Diegues' Quilomba*, WU G21, 3–4:30 p.m.; followed by discussion conducted by Christine Patterson; for information, call 6608.

3 **Nautilus for Beginner**, "Build Muscle, Burn More Fat," George Joachim, GC, noon.
Upper Body Strength test, Fitness Center
Blood pressure clinic, KT 108A, 12:15–1:15 p.m.
Workshop: "Discover Your Learning Style," Linda D. Taylor, NF B41, 3–4:30 p.m.; for reservations, call 6029.

5 **College-Level Exam Program** (CLEP), WU 116, 8:30 a.m.
PIT presents *The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the Moon Marigolds*, Studio Theatre, KT G32, 8 p.m.; also Feb. 6–7. For information, call 6555.

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Photos by Grant Gerardot, Photo Editor

ABOVE: Don Manco busy at work

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ALCOHOLIC FACTS:

Disease hurts body, spirit

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Alcoholism is a primary, progressive, chronic disease characterized by a growing compulsion to drink. Scientists do not know precisely what causes this disease, but research suggests that physiological factors, such as heredity and metabolism, play an important role in determining who becomes alcoholics.

Children of alcoholics are three or four times more likely than others to develop this disease, but people with no known history of family alcoholism may also be at risk.

Since researchers have not yet identified the factors which predispose 10 percent of all drinkers to become alcoholic, anyone who drinks takes that chance.

Alcoholism has no known cure and, if left unchecked, ends in death. Only abstinence can stop the disease's progress.

FACTS:

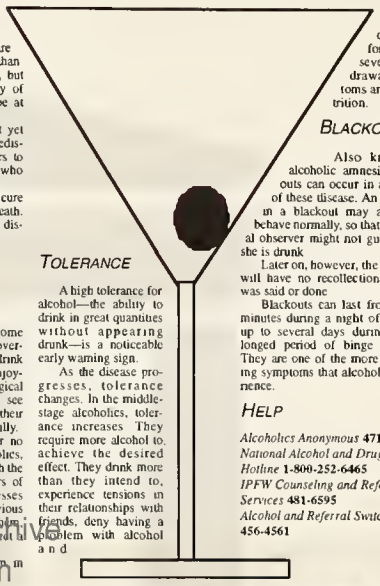
PROGRESSION

No one sets out to become addicted to alcohol. Many recovering alcoholics say their first drink filled them with profound enjoyment, as if they had found a magical elixir. In retrospect, they can see that from the very beginning their bodies process alcohol abnormally.

Other alcoholics remember no early clues. But for all alcoholics, whether subtle signs appear with the first drink or after many years of drinking, the disease progresses long before they exhibit obvious symptoms that would cause them, their family, or friends to suspect a problem.

It begins to work on them, in secret, altering not only their body chemistry, but their judgments, feelings and perspective. At first, alcoholics seem to respond to alcohol no differently than the majority of drinkers.

Such warning signs as preoccupation with alcohol and frequent drinking are socially acceptable and may fail to cause alarm.



TOLERANCE

A high tolerance for alcohol—the ability to drink in great quantities without appearing drunk—is a noticeable early warning sign.

As the disease progresses, tolerance changes. In the middle-stage alcoholics, tolerance increases. They require more alcohol to achieve the desired effect. They drink more than they intend to, experience tensions in their relationships with friends, deny having a problem with alcohol and become resentful and depressed.

They may also hide their bottles and make attempts to drink less. In late-stage alcoholics, tolerance decreases. They cannot achieve the desired effects, no matter how much they drink. Rather than get "high" from alcohol, they just get sick. Late-stage alcoholics drink in spite of adverse consequences. They experience deep cravings for alcohol, severe withdrawal symptoms and malnutrition.

BLACKOUTS

Also known as alcoholic amnesia, blackouts can occur in any stage of these disease. An alcoholic in a blackout may appear to behave normally, so that the casual observer might not guess he or she is drunk.

Later on, however, the alcoholic will have no recollection of what was said or done.

Blackouts can last from a few minutes during a night of drinking up to several days during a prolonged period of binge drinking. They are one of the more frightening symptoms that alcoholics experience.

HELP

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MIVA Regular season leaders 1997

Hitting Percentage:
1. Colin McMillan, OSU .516
2. Phil Eatherton, BSU .446
3. Doug McBride, Lewis .443
4. David Bik, BSU .443
5. Rene Esteves, OSU .415
6. Victor Rivera, Lewis .385
7. Jason Fehr, BSU .384
8. Dan Schultz, Loyola .383
9. Eduardo Ferraz, BSU .366
10.Ryan Perrotte, IPFW .362

Blocks Per Game:
1. Phil Eatherton, BSU 1.63
2. Colin McMillan, OSU 1.43
3. Mike Ter Molen, IPFW 1.41
3. Rene Esteves, OSU 1.41
5. David Bik, BSU 1.37
6. Victor Rivera, Lewis 1.33
7. Bill Cornelius, UWM 1.31
8. Ryan Perrotte, IPFW 1.29
9. Jason Fehr, BSU 1.15

Kills Per Game:
1. Hector Soto, IPFW 5.92
2. Dan Schultz, Loyola 5.45
3. Jason Fehr, BSU 5.27
4. Mike Prosek, Lewis 5.03
5. Victor Rivera, Lewis 5.01
6. Ryan Dudley, UWM 4.82
7. Dan Mihacevich, OSU 4.73
8. Phil Eatherton, BSU 4.55
9. Brad Prieditis, IPFW, 4.45
10. Bart Bachorski, Lewis 4.40

Aces Per Game
1. Bart Bachorski, Lewis .60
2. Steve Drexler, Quincy .40
2. Marcos Cordova, Loyola .40
4. Victor Rivera, Lewis .34
5. Dave Gaudioso, Quincy .33
5. Jose Pereira, OSU .33
5. Jason Fehr, BSU .33
Mike Prosek, Lewis .28
9. Hector Soto, IPFW .27
10 Brian Cremascoli, Loyola .26

Assists Per Game:
1. Doug McBride, Lewis 17.50
2. Eduardo Ferraz, BSU 16.98
3. Angel Aja, OSU 16.38
4.Chris Gisslen, IPFW 16.36
5. Brian Cremascoli, Loyola 14.78
6. Rich Clarke, Mercyhurst 13.73
7. Pete Dietrich, UWM 11.34
8. Rob Barber, Quincy 11.16
9. Tim Caldwell, TM 8.60

Digs Per Game:
1. Dave Gaudioso, Quincy 2.77
2. Matt Stawizynski, Quincy 2.60
3. Jeff Hisgen, BSU 2.39
4. Victor Rivera, Lewis 2.31
5. Steve Drexler, Quincy 2.30
6. Brad Prieditis, IPFW 2.29
7. Brian Cremascoli, Loyola 2.24
8. Eduardo Ferraz, BSU 2.15
9. Jeff Ermold, Quincy 2.06
10. Dan Mihacevich, OSU 2.05

Volleydons looking for Final Four bid

By Tony Laux
Sports Editor

Last year the Mastodons climbed back into the national picture with a very young team. Coach Arnie Ball enters his 18th season and has compiled a 291-212 record at IPFW. The team is currently ranked 5th in the nation after a strong performance at the Santa Barbara Invitational, where the Dons placed third overall. Ball felt that the tournament in California was a good gauge to see where his team was.

Last year's team placed third in the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) and was ranked 12th overall in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) final national poll.

The key losses from last year's team are Brad Prieditis and all-MIVA middle hitter Mike Ter Molen, but with twelve returning lettermen and four starters, Ball thinks "the team is very capable to compete with the teams in the top ten."

Two huge additions to the team are Ricardo Soler and Chris Farmer. Farmer missed last season with a heart condition, and Soler, an all-MIVA pick two years ago, skipped last year to return to Puerto Rico.

Returnees from last year's team are Ryan Perrotte (Junior, Middle Hitter, Starter), Javier Escobar (Junior, Swing Hitter, Starter), Chris Gisslen (Sophomore, Setter, Starter), Hector Soto (Sophomore, Swing Hitter, Starter), Mike Cummings (Sophomore, Middle Hitter) and Justin Luna (Senior, Swing Hitter).

Ball's team strength has to be its depth and ability to play at a high level on offense, but the glaring weakness is the team's ability to serve aggressively, play good defense and make good blocks.

Even with all of the hype and returning lettermen this team will have some tough games on the schedule. If this team wants to make it to this year's NCAA tournament in Hawaii, they will have some tough competition on the way. Ohio State, Loyola-Chicago and Lewis are always tough and the Dons will have to face last year's MIVA champion Ball State twice.

"This team is very athletic and has the potential to be very competitive. It has a real strong possibility to make the NCAA tournament," said Ball. But for the team to make the tournament Coach Ball wants some people to make contributions.

"It all starts with Ricardo Soler, we need consistent leadership because he will be the starting point of the team. The team needs good passing from Soler, Javier Escobar and Hector Soto," he said.

Since the team's strength is offense "consistent offensive play setting will be needed from Chris Gisslen," he added.

Ball compared this team to his 1991-1994 team. "This team will be flying high and we are hoping to get some support and make the school proud."

The Dons open their season on the road for the whole month of January with games at Ohio State, Mercyhurst and Penn State.

1997 All-MIVA

First Team
Eduardo Ferraz, BSU
Phil Eatherton, BSU
Victor Rivera, Lewis
Doug McBride, Lewis
Hector Soto, IPFW
Jason Fehr, BSU

Second Team
Mike Ter Molen, IPFW
Angel Aja, OSU
Mike Prosek, Lewis
Dan Mihacevich, OSU
Colin McMillan, OSU
Dan Schultz, Loyola

MIVA All-Tournament Team:
Eduardo Ferraz, BSU
Jason Fehr, BSU
Dan Mihacevich, OSU
Mike Prosek, Lewis
Victor Rivera, Lewis
Mike Ter Molen, IPFW

Player of the year:
Eduardo Ferraz, BSU

Freshman of the year:
Hector Soto, IPFW

Coach of the year:
Arnie Ball, IPFW

Final AVCA National Poll
#1 Stanford
#2 UCLA
#3 Penn State
#4 Brigham Young
#5 UC-Santa Barbara
#6 Pepperdine
#7 Ball State
#8 Long Beach State
#9 Hawaii
#10 Lewis
#11 Pacific
#12 IPFW
#13 USC
#14 Princeton
#15 Cal-State Northridge

1998 Schedule

January:
24 at Ohio State
30 at Mercyhurst
31 at Penn State

February:
6 Lewis
7 Loyola
13 Clarke
20 Mercyhurst
27 Long Island
28 Ball State

March:
6 Ohio State
7 Quincy
8-15 at Puerto Rico
20 Pacific
21 USC
24 at Ball State
27 at Loyola
28 at Lewis

April
3 Rutgers-Newark
4 Penn State
11 MIVA Quarterfinals
17-18 MIVA Tournament at Ball State
*all home games in bold

1997 MIVA Final Standings

Team	MIVA	Overall
Ball State	15-1	27-8
Lewis	14-2	25-10
IPFW	**13-3**	**17-9**
Ohio State	10-6	19-9
Loyola-Chicago	7-9	18-13
Wisconsin-Mil	6-10	13-18
Mercyhurst	5-11	11-21
Quincy	1-15	6-27
Thomas More	1-15	1-31

1998 Mens Volleyball roster

No.	Player	Year	Pos.	Ht.
#1	Justin Luna	Sr.	SW	6-1
#2	Brian Harris	Jr.	S	6-3
#3	Ben Sherman	Jr.	OP	6-4
#4	George Iakovou	Sr.	MH	6-5
#5	Ricardo Soler	Sr.	SW	6-4
#6	Chris Farmer	Sr.	MH	6-5
#7	Ryan Perrotte	Jr.	MH	6-7
#10	Chris Gisslen	So.	S	6-7
#11	Mike Cummings	So.	MH	6-8
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Stop by *Sera-Tec* and find out how you can earn $140 per month or more by donating life-saving plasma. Hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 422-7435 for an appointment. Free physical on your first donation. Free HIV test performed with every donation. Free parking. *At Sera-Tec Biologicals you get paid to take good care of yourself and others!*

S.A.B.
Student Activities Board

KIDS' CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

WALB UNION BALLROOM
10 AM - 2 PM

Parents bring your children out for a fun filled day of games!!!